

To: SAC NY
 From: SA [REDACTED]
 Subject: James Arthur Baldwin

Date: 9/28/65

File No: 100-146553

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Section 87D, 7b(5) (b), Manual of Instructions, directs that the description and photograph should be placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card. In regard to the photograph, the most recent one should be used if there is a choice. A review of the subject's file reflects there ☒ is ☐ is not a photograph of the above-captioned subject available for placing with the Security Index card. (If more than one photograph is available, the Agent handling the investigation should indicate the photograph to be used.)

Section 87D, 6b(1) (j), and 7b(7), Manual of Instructions, requires that Security Index subjects must be personally observed and such fact specifically noted in the subjects' case files. Has captioned subject been personally observed? ☒ Yes ☐ No. If so, make appropriate entries in the following:

- (1) Observed by SA [REDACTED]
 (2) Date observed 9/28/65
 (3) Personal observation of subject is indicated in serial 207

Following are descriptive data relating to the subject, which data should be placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card. If subject is already included in the Security Index only those entries necessitating changes in the data posted on the Security Index cards should be made in the blanks below. For example, if subject is personally observed subsequent to his designation for the Security Index, any additional descriptive data developed thereby should be noted in the appropriate spaces to allow their posting on the reverse side of the Security Index cards:

- (1) Name and Aliases: James Arthur Baldwin
 (2) Sex: M
 (3) Race: N
 (4) Birth Date: 8/2/24
 (5) Height: 5'6"-7
 (6) Weight: 130-140

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- (7) Build: *Slender*
(8) Hair: *Black*
(9) Eyes: _____
(10) Complexion: *Brown*
(11) Scars and Marks: _____
(12) Peculiarities: _____
(13) Marital Status: *Single*
(14) Immediate Relatives (including the number of minor children):

(15) Nationality: *American*
(16) Birthplace: _____
(17) Fingerprint Classification:
(18) FBI or Police Number:
(19) Social Security Number:
(20) Residence: *470 W. End Ave NYC*
(21) Occupation: *Writer*
(22) Criminal Record, showing sources:

(23) Seamen's Certificate Number:

Check following, where applicable:

- ☐ Subject should be tabbed for Detcom.
☐ The subject is exceedingly dangerous. The following statement should be added to the reverse side of geographical card.

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARDS

MEMORANDUM RE: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN

Office File 100-146553

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: Apt. 6, 470 West End Avenue, New York, New York

Employment: Self-employed writer from residence

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Defense Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No Detcom ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No Photo ☐ No ☒ Yes; photograph on Security Index card is
 Security Flash ☐ Yes ☒ No most current or best likeness of subject.

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence: *same*Method of Verification: *57p-6*Neighborhood Source: *pretend interview with newspaper reporter.*Date: *3/29/66*Verified by SA: *same*Employment: *same*

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Date Checked

Geographical Reference Number

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ NoDefense Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ NoTab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source: *same as for residence*Date: *3/29/66*Verified by SA: *57C-1*FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ NoA letterhead memorandum should be submitted to the Bureau and Secret Service ☐ Yes ☒ NoFile Reviewed *4/6/66*☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria☐ Does not Meet SI CriteriaAgent's Initials *EFM*Date *4/13/66*DATE OF ANNUAL *4/13/66*

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DATE *3/18/66*

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Memorandum

DATE: 4/5/65

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SUBJECT:

serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated

APRIL 6, 1965. The review for
through serial 183.

In accordance with the above, the following serials are to be destroyed:

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serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated **as above**. The review for this report was made from serial 184 through serial 209.

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Approved

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The following documents appearing in FBI files have been reviewed under the provisions of The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552); The Privacy Act of 1974 (PA) (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a); and/or Litigation.

X FOIA/PA Appeal

☐ Litigation

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☐ Executive Order Applied

Requester: David Garrow

Subject: SCLC

Computer or Case Identification Number: 80-1549; 80-2116; 81-1346; 81-1384; 81-1079

Title of Case:

* File: 100-438794

Section

Serials Reviewed: All

100-3-116-920 (CR) Cross References
100-3-116-906 (C/R) 100-3-116-924 NY 100-146555-111
-813 (C/R)
-908 (C/R)

Release Location: * File 190-23842

Section

☐ FOIA/PA Appeal☐ Litigation☐ Executive Order Applied

Requester: David Garrow

Subject: Martin Luther King, Jr. Appeal 81-0802

Computer or Case Identification Number:

Title of Case:

* File: 100-106670

Section 9

Serials Reviewed: CR 100-3-116-893, 908, 923, 924

Release Location: * File 190-23842

Section

☐ FOIA/PA☐ Litigation☐ Executive Order Applied

Requester:

Subject:

Computer or Case Identification Number:

Title of Case:

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OTHERWISE~~☐ Executive Order AppliedRequester: David GarrowSubject: SPCComputer or Case Identification Number: Appeal # 80-1549; 81-1384; 81-1079; 80-2116; 81-1346

Title of Case:

*File 100-438794Section 6Serials Reviewed: AllCIR 100-3-116-1170
-1161Release Location: *File 190-23842

Section

☐ FOIA/PA☐ Litigation☐ Executive Order AppliedRequester: David GarrowSubject: Martin Luther King, Jr.Computer or Case Identification Number: Appeal 81-0802Title of Case: 100-106670Section 10*File 100-106670Serials Reviewed: CR 100-3-116-1190, 1161Release Location: *File 190-23842

Section

☐ FOIA/PA☐ Litigation☐ Executive Order AppliedRequester: David GarrowSubject: Martin Luther King, Jr.Computer or Case Identification Number: Appeal 81-0546

Title of Case:

*File 100-5586Section 14Serials Reviewed: CR: 100-3-116-1191NY 100-146553-135Release Location: *File 190-23842

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The subject of this appeal is Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Listed below are classifiable symbol numbers which are not being addressed as classifiable Informants for serials listed on the reverse side of this form. However, the utilization of the (b)(7)(d) exemption will protect these sources from exposure, without further enhancing their compromising possibility with the assertion of the (b)(1) National Security Exemption. These sources will continue to be classifiable in other appeals/litigations, pursuant to Executive Order 12356, 1.3(a)(4) and (b).

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COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: JAMES BALDWIN
PART II OF III

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Date

3/24/66

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN aka JAMES BALDWIN

Aliases

(was author and playwright)

Address

470 West End Ave, NYC

Birth Date

8/2/24

Birthplace

NYC

Race

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Sex

☒ Male
☐ Female

☐ Exact Spelling

☐ All References

☐ Main Subversive Case Files Only

☒ Subversive References Only

☐ Main Criminal Case Files Only

☐ Criminal References Only

☐ Main Subversive (If no Main, list all Subversive References)

☐ Main Criminal (If no Main, list all Criminal References)

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List references subsequent to 4/1/65

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of SA [redacted] dated 4/13/66

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of SA [redacted] dated 4/13/66

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dated 4/13/66

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File Review Symbols

I - Identical
NI - Not identical
? - Not identifiable
U - Unavailable reference

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108763)

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JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN
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A review of WFO files indicate that the subject's address in 1963 was 470 West End Avenue, New York, New York, and WFO assumes that the JAMES BALDWIN referred to above is identical with the subject.

The reason for [REDACTED] is b1
unknown at this time. (S) u

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[REDACTED] (S)

If the above information is disseminated, it should be classified "Secret" since information [REDACTED] was so classified. If this information is downgraded in the future, it should be classified "Confidential" [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in order to further protect the source of continuing value. (C)

The above is submitted for the information of New York.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	SECRET 4/13/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/15 - 4/8/66
TITLE OF CASE JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY gfo
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REFERENCE

New York report of SA [REDACTED], 4/6/65.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One additional copy of instant report is furnished the Bureau for dissemination to Secret Service. One copy is being disseminated for Secret Service, NYC, under Category III.

The pretext interview on 3/29/66, was conducted by SA [REDACTED] with the Doorman at 470 West End Avenue, New York City. The pretext consisted of posing as a newspaper reporter inquiring as to the correct address of BALDWIN,

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so that proof copies of a feature article could be mailed to him.

There are no characterizations available for the following organizations mentioned in instant report: Core Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund, Incorporated; The Italian Cultural Association; Roman Committee to Promote Peace in Vietnam; "Liberation" magazine; New School for Social Research; and the Harlem Writers Guild.

INFORMANTS

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of New York Office

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INFORMANTS (Cont'd)

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NY T-8
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MILTON ROSEN

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ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN

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ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN

The confidential informants who were unable to
furnish any additional information are identified as follows:

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☒ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason)

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information from NY T-10, a confidential source abroad, was so classified.

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
- of his prominent position as a Negro author and playwright and his personal involvement in the civil rights struggle by Negroes in the United States. It is felt that an attempt to interview the subject, if publicized, could be a source of embarrassment to the Bureau.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
- of subject's outspoken stand on the civil rights issue, his current prominence as an author and the inflammatory nature of his writings, which show him to be a dangerous individual who could be expected to commit acts inimical to the national defense interests and public safety of the United States in time of emergency.
10. ☐ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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Report of:

Date:

4/13/66

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #:

100-146553

Bureau File #: 62-108763

Title:

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

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Synopsis:

~~SECRET~~ Subject, an author and playwright, resides in Apartment 6A, 470 West End Avenue, New York City. As of July, 1965, subject was author of letter urging recipient to renew subscription to "Freedomways" magazine. On 4/22/65, subject attended and was a sponsor of a Freedomways Associates, Inc., "Salute to PAUL ROBESON", and had agreed as of early April, 1965, to serve as Chairman of the Cultural Committee in connection with this affair. As of early April, 1965, [redacted] had arranged to personally meet with the subject for unknown purpose. On 11/23 & 27/65, subject made public appearances in Rome, Italy, at which he stated the United States has no right in Vietnam and that "Western interests" were responsible for events in South Africa and the Cuban "aggression". Other confidential informants were unable to furnish any additional information.

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Excluded from automatic
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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ On March 29, 1966, it was determined by a suitable pretext conducted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SA, FBI) that JAMES BALDWIN, Negro author and playwright, was then residing in Apartment 6A, 470 West End Avenue, New York City.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ As of March 28, 1966, the subject, a Negro author and playwright, was residing in Apartment 6A, 470 West End Avenue, New York City. The subject returned to this address on approximately January 18, 1966, upon his return from Istanbul, Turkey, and a tour of European countries, which had started in late 1965.

NY T-1
March 28, 1966

II. AFFILIATION WITH SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ As of July, 1965, Freedomways Associates, Incorporated was preparing a mailing of a letter on the personal stationery of and signed by JAMES BALDWIN, and addressed to "Dear Friend". In this letter the subject praises "Freedomways" magazine as a Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement, and he urges that the recipients subscribing to "Freedomways" to follow his example and renew their subscriptions. (S) (u)

NY T-2
July 18, 1965

A characterization of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, which includes a characterization of "Freedomways", appears in the Appendix.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ On April 22, 1965, the subject attended a "Salute to PAUL ROBESON", which was sponsored by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated and held at the Hotel Americana, 52nd Street and Seventh Avenue, New York City.

NY T-3
April 26, 1965

NY T-4
April 29, 1965

NY T-5
May 4, 1965

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ The late city edition of "The New York Times", dated December 23, 1963, noted that PAUL ROBESON left the United States on July 10, 1958, after an eight year legal fight and a Supreme Court ruling to obtain a passport.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ According to the article, ROBESON once said he loved "the Soviet people more than any other nation because of their suffering and sacrifices for us, the Negro people, the progressive people, the people of the future in this world."

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ This article notes that most of the questions directed to ROBESON on his arrival in New York City, on December 22, 1953, were answered by his wife who told reporters her husband still thinks communism is "terrific".

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ "The New York Post and Home News" issue of July 14, 1949, contained an article reporting the testimony of MANNING JOHNSON before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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The article stated that JOHNSON, an admitted former member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) National Committee, had told the committee that he had been a CP member up to 1940, and described ROBESON as a CP member for many years and had frequently met ROBESON in CP Headquarters going to or coming from meetings with top communist leaders. JOHNSON stated that ROBESON's Party membership was kept a secret from rank and file communists.

As of early April, 1965, a Cultural Committee had been formed by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, in connection with their "Salute to PAUL ROBESON", to be held April 22, 1965. As of early April, 1965, the subject had agreed to serve as Chairman of this Cultural Committee.] (X)u

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NY T-2
April 4, 1965

As of March, 1965, Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was distributing invitations to a "Salute to PAUL ROBESON", to be held on April 22, 1965, in the Hotel Americana, New York City. The last page of this invitation contained a listing captioned "Partial List of Sponsors". Among the names so listed as sponsors was JAMES BALDWIN.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NY T-6
March 31, 1965

III. CONTACT

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ In early April, 1965, [redacted] was in contact with [redacted] regarding efforts on the part of [redacted] to contact JAMES BALDWIN. The reason for [redacted] efforts to contact BALDWIN was not known to the source, [redacted] indicated that he had arranged to personally meet with JAMES

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BALDWIN in the office of the Committee to Defend Resistance to Ghetto Life (CERGL), One Union Square, New York City; date of this meeting not specified. *Qu*

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NY T-7
April 1, 1965

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ A characterization of CERGL appears in the Appendix.

The Progressive Labor Party (PLP) National Convention, held April 15-18, 1965, elected MILTON ROSEN as President of the PLP.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NY T-8
April 19, 1965

A characterization of the PLP appears in the Appendix.

On April 18, 1965, at the PLP National Convention, held in New York City, WILLIAM EPTON was elected Vice Chairman of the PLP National Committee.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NY T-9
May 14, 1965

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

On November 30, 1965, NY T-10, a confidential source abroad, made available the following information:

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The Italian Cultural Association sponsored a "Literary Tuesday" conference held on November 23, 1965, at the Teatro Eliseo in Rome, Italy. The principal speaker was JAMES BALDWIN, the Negro American writer who spoke on the topic, "The Responsibility of the American Negro Writer." Approximately 130 persons were in attendance. (X)u

At the end of the conference, BALDWIN responded to questions from the audience. BALDWIN was asked for an opinion on the Vietnam situation and he responded, "We do not have the right to remain in Vietnam and I don't know why we are there. We do not have to liberate anyone." (X)u

On November 27, 1965, JAMES BALDWIN participated in the all-night vigil sponsored by the Roman Committee to Promote Peace in Vietnam held at the Adriano Theater in Rome, Italy. (X)u

The following article appeared in the November 29, 1965, edition of the "Rome Daily American", an English-language newspaper published in Rome, Italy: (X)u

LEFTISTS STAGE ANTI-U. S. MARCH AND 'VIGIL' IN ROME (X)u

A bombing attempt interrupted an all-night leftist vigil to protest U. S. action in Vietnam in a Rome theater early today at which American writer James Baldwin was the first speaker. (X)u

An anonymous telephone caller told police of a bomb planted in the downtown theater where several thousand anti-U.S. demonstrators held the emotional and sometimes fearful rally. Police found two suspicious packages in the toilet and ordered demonstrators to clear the premises. (X)u

One of the packages contained 150 grams (six ounces) of plastic explosive in a metal box with a time place. The other package was stuffed with old newspaper. Police disconnected the time bomb and, after an hour and a half search in the theater, allowed the vigil to go on. They did not say if the explosive would have gone off or at what time. (X)u

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~~SECRET~~ One uniformed U. S. Marine and a handful of American civilians joined 10,000 to 15,000 Italians in the torchlight parade in Rome in the late evening. The parade through the heart of the city, from Piazza del Popolo to Piazza Cavour a few blocks from St. Peter's, snarled up what little traffic there was at that late hour. (X)U

~~SECRET~~ The all-night vigil was the climax of marches, widely billed in advance by the Communists in Rome, Milan, Naples, Turin, Florence, Bologna and Venice. The torchlight parades and the vigil were timed to coincide with the peace march on Washington. (X)U

~~SECRET~~ Baldwin stirred the crowd to emotional applause. "I am here," he told them, "to tell you something that only American Negroes know." (X)U

~~SECRET~~ Speaking in English, Baldwin claimed that "Western interests" were responsible for the events in South Africa and the Cuban "aggression". He said people should love one another and that although he was not a Christian, it would be enough for the world if more people acted like Christians. He said: "I want to remind you that a man is a man, a woman is a woman, a child is a child, no matter where, and that those are the fundamental things, the inalienable things, to help us understand each other better. Pray for me. I will pray for you. Goodbye." (X)U

V. MISCELLANEOUS

~~SECRET~~ During November, 1965, the Core Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund, Incorporated, (KEMF), 150 Nassau Street, New York City, mailed leaflets. These leaflets reflected that the aim of Core KEMF (which is not affiliated with the Congress of Racial Equality, CORE), are scholarships for the brave; education for Negro communities; legal defense when rights are denied; voter registration; and leadership training.

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This leaflet listed JAMES BALDWIN as a member of the Board of Directors of the Core SEDF.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NY T-11
November 17, 1965

The "National Guardian", dated July 17, 1965, page 7, contains an article captioned, "A magazine for peace: The 'Seeds of Liberation'".

This article states that "Liberation" magazine is one of the most important magazines in this country for those concerned with peace, civil rights and freedom. "Seeds of Liberation" is a compilation of 67 of the best articles that have appeared in "Liberation" during its nine-year history. Among the writers included in "Seeds of Liberation" was JAMES BALDWIN, who was the author of an article captioned, "The Artist's Struggle for Integrity."

The "National Guardian" is characterized in the Appendix of this report.

In the masthead of the April, 1965, issue of "Liberation" magazine, JAMES BALDWIN is listed as one of the contributors to "Liberation".

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NY T-5
April 15, 1965

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ On May 17, 1965, a Student Committee on Progressive Education (SCOPE) class was held at the New York School for Marxist Studies (NYMS). *Q u*

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ During this class, HERBERT APTHAKER gave his final lecture on "The Struggle for Negro Freedom in the United States". During this lecture, APTHAKER made references to JAMES BALDWIN and MARTIN LUTHER KING, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and stated that these two individuals were moving to the left in their viewpoints in connection with social and economic changes. *Q u*

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A characterization of SCOPE and the NYSMS appears in the Appendix of this report.

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HERBERT APTHEKER, as of July, 1964, was a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

NY T-13
July 21, 1964

The "Chicago Daily Defender", a Chicago daily newspaper, dated April 26, 1965, page 3, contained an article pertaining to a three day conference known as "Negro Writers Vision of America", sponsored by the Harlem Writers Guild and held at the New School for Social Research, 66 West 12th Street, New York City.

According to this article, which was captioned, "Two Writers Rap White America", White people cannot face the lies of their own history, said author JAMES BALDWIN in a lecture at the New School for Social Research. Some 700 people jammed in to hear him. BALDWIN asserted that "White Anglo-Saxons" have falsified the history of the United States and are now at the mercy of their own myth-making. BALDWIN stated that the earliest English settlers had left Europe to escape poverty and to set up their own aristocracy. Many had come out of English jails, BALDWIN pointed out. "Who", BALDWIN asked, "knows anything about the Virginia aristocrats outside of Virginia?"

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In early April, 1965, TEDDY KUPFERMAN, an author, contacted JAMES BALDWIN, contacted ISIDORE GLASSER, KUPFERMAN mentioned that some of BALDWIN's books were being published in the Soviet Union without any remuneration to BALDWIN. KUPFERMAN suggested that KUPFERMAN contact Mashinostroynaya Eniga, the organization which exports Russian books to the United States, and which publishes all the books in the Soviet Union. NEEDLEMAN

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pointed out that in the then recent past the Soviet Union had signed at the International Copyrights Convention. (X)u

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In recent years, several confidential sources have advised that ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, a practicing attorney in New York City, was formerly employed by the Amtorg Trading Corporation, registered Soviet trade agency in the United States, in a legal capacity and continues to represent this agency from time to time. (X)u

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NEEDLEMAN has appeared in behalf of former and current members of the CP before Congressional Committees and in the courts. He has distributed money and efforts to numerous communist front activities and has served as a custodian for CP funds. NEEDLEMAN has described himself as favoring strict adherence to Marxist - Leninist doctrines and, at one time, participated in the solicitation of a fund to promote Marxist studies and research. (X)u

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Another confidential source advised in March, 1958, that NEEDLEMAN has served as a Soviet espionage agent. (X)u

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Other confidential informants, who are acquainted with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area, reported during March, 1966, that they were unable to furnish any additional information.

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APPENDIX

Committee to Defend Resistance
to Ghetto Life (CERGE)

A source advised on February 3, 1965, that CERGE was formed on November 1, 1964, as a front of the Progressive Labor Movement (PLM), presently known as Progressive Labor Party (PLP). All personnel which comprise the committee are PLM members. CERGE was organized to raise funds for the PLM in order that the PLM will have money for bail when it becomes necessary. The people connected with CERGE hope to build it into a national organization.

A second source advised on March 5, 1965, that it is the plan of the PLM to recruit people into CERGE and use CERGE as a recruiting front for PLM members. The PLM plans to give instructions in Marxist philosophy and those who respond will be advanced from CERGE to PLM membership.

A third source advised on February 3, 1965, that CERGE receives mail through Abbott Business Service, a legitimate business operation, 147 West 42nd Street, New York, New York.

The first source advised on May 5, 1965, that CERGE maintains its office at Room 617, One Union Square, New York, New York.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Winter, 1965 issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City. This issue lists JOHN HENRIK CLARKE as Associate Editor, ESTHER JACKSON as Managing Editor, and JOHN L. DEVINE as Art Editor of the publication.

A confidential source made available information on July 1, 1964, reflecting that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, reflecting that CLARKE is an "associate" of AIMS.

The Winter, 1963 issue of "Freedomways", Page 44, states that ESTHER JACKSON became one of the leaders of the Southern Negro Youth Congress (SNYC) which existed from 1937 to 1949.

The SNYC has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

According to a confidential source, ESTHER JACKSON is the wife of JAMES JACKSON, whom the source identified on October 14, 1964, as being a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA).

On January 30, 1961, [REDACTED]

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

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On July 24, 1963, a confidential source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, CP, USA, held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA, by JAMES JACKSON.

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APPENDIX

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES, INCORPORATED

In September, 1960, a source advised it was announced at a meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP,USA), New York District (NYD), Staff, held September 16, 1960, that the People's School for Marxist Studies was founded in September, 1960, as the result of a decision of the CP,USA, NYD. Adult classes were scheduled to start October 17, 1960.

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, October 16, 1960 issue, announced the opening of the New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) with general classes beginning October 17, 1960, and SCOPE (Youth) Classes beginning October 14, 1960. The address of the School is Room 1922, 853 Broadway at 14th Street, New York, New York.

The records of Pierce Mayer & Greer, 41 East 42nd Street, New York City, reflect that on August 29, 1960, HERBERT APTHEKER leased Room 1922-23, 853 Broadway, New York City, for the period starting October 1, 1960. The premises were to be occupied by a "People's School." On July 3, 1962, HERBERT APTHEKER signed a new lease for Room 1922-23, 853 Broadway, New York City, to start October 1, 1962, which reflects that the premises were to be used as an office for the NYSMS.

On May 5, 1965, the records of the New York County Clerk's Office, New York County Court House, New York City, disclosed that Certificate of Incorporation, number 450745, of the NYSMS was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on August 17, 1964, and the incorporator was VICTOR PERLO.

The Spring (April 7, 1965 - May 14, 1965) Term, 1965, Bulletin of the NYSMS and SCOPE stated that "The era we live in is marked by profound changes, which are accompanied by intellectual ferment and moral dissatisfaction in our nation. Marxism, we think, offers a valid framework for answering the problems that confront our nation and the world"

The Spring Term, 1965, Bulletin of the NYSMS and SCOPE reflects that the office of the NYSMS is located at 853 Broadway, Room 1922, New York, New York.

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NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES, INCORPORATED

A second source advised on December 14, 1959, that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA, held December 10 - 13, 1959, HERBERT APTHEKER was elected a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

The second source advised in early 1961 that it was not known at the headquarters of the CP, USA, whether [REDACTED] was still a member of the CP. Consequently, he was described as an "unorganized Communist."

b7c-4 A characterization of SCOPE is included in the Appendix.

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APPENDIX

1.

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)
PROGRESSIVE LABOR MOVEMENT (PLM)

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A source advised on April 20, 1965, that the PLP, formerly known as the PLM, held its first national convention April 15-18, 1965, at New York City, to organize the PLM into a PLP. The PLP will have as its ultimate objective the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism.

"The New York Times", City Edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP. The PLP was described as an outgrowth of the PLM. Its officers were identified as MILTON ROSEN, New York, President, and WILLIAM EPTON of New York and MORT SCHEER of San Francisco, Vice Presidents. A 20-member National Committee was elected to direct the party until the next convention.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962 by Mr. ROSEN and Mr. SCHEER after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

The PLP publishes the Marxist-Leninist Quarterly, a theoretical magazine; 'Progressive Labor' a monthly magazine; "Challenge," a New York City newspaper; and "Spark", a west coast newspaper.

The June 1, 1965, issue of "Challenge", page 6, states that, "this paper is dedicated to fight for a new way of life- where the working men and women own and control their homes, factories, the police, courts, and the entire government on every level."

The source advised that the PLP utilizes the address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn 1, New York, but also utilizes an office in Room 622, 132 Nassau Street, New York City, where PLP publications are prepared.

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APPENDIX

1.

STUDENT COMMITTEE ON PROGRESSIVE
EDUCATION (SCOPE)

A confidential source advised on June 16, 1958, that the Student Committee on Progressive Education (SCOPE) was formed in early 1958 by a group of individuals who were believed to be, by the source, sympathizers of the former Labor Youth League (LYL).

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A second confidential source advised on November 20, 1958, that at the third day's session of the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held that day in New York City, ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary, CP, USA, stated that in New York there is a group of about twenty-one youths who have been a very active force in youth and formed a group called SCOPE, a Student Committee On Progressive Education, which has run for the last year with young people with a Marxist character. THOMPSON stated that approximately eight or ten of this group are CP members.

A third confidential source advised on March 24, 1959, that during a meeting of the NEC, CP, USA, held on March 21, 1959, HYMAN LUMER, CP, USA Educational Director, stated that in New York most of the discussions on youth are between the National Office (CP) and two groups of young people who function in New York, which are either Party groups or pro-Party groups. The first group is called SCOPE (Student Committee on Progressive Education), and this group stands closest to the CP leadership.

A fourth confidential source made available on March 23, 1961, a mimeographed letter signed by "The SCOPE Committee." This letter sets forth that last fall SCOPE became a part of the newly formed New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) as its autonomous youth division.

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STUDENT COMMITTEE ON PROGRESSIVE
EDUCATION (SCOPE)

The Spring (April 7, 1965 - May 14, 1965) Term 1965 Bulletin of the NYSMS and SCOPE states that "SCOPE believes that knowledge can be achieved and intellectual conformity and apathy avoided only through continual study and discussion. All students, teen-agers, college students and working youths are encouraged to participate actively, as the goal of SCOPE is to provide a unique opportunity for the study and discussion of Marxism."

The Spring Term, 1965 Bulletin of the NYSMS and SCOPE reflects that the office of SCOPE is located at 853 Broadway, Room 1922, New York, New York.

A characterization of the NYSMS is included in the appendix.

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New York, New York

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Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Re: James Arthur Baldwin

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
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Nothing is known about the current location of JAMES BALDWIN, the Negro Author and Playwright. BALDWIN was met at an affair held for PAUL ROBINSON in 1965 at the Americana Hotel. It has been heard that BALDWIN may be a homosexual and he appeared as if he may be one.

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARDS

MEMORANDUM RE: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN

Office File 100-146553

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: Apt 6, 470 West End Avenue, New York, New York

Employment: Self employed writer from residence

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Defense Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No Detcom ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Security Flash ☐ Yes ☒ No

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence:

137 W 71 St NYC

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Self employed author (months in Turkey)

Address:

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Labor Union Affiliation:

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ NoDefense Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ NoTab Detcom: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN

REFERENCE: New York report dated 4/13/66.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: 137 West 71st Street, New York, New York
(presently in TURKEY)

Employment: Self-employed Writer

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
October 17, 1966

Re: James Arthur Baldwin
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On October 11, 1966, a source in a position to supply reliable information, advised that James Arthur Baldwin had moved from Apartment 6, 470 West End Avenue, to 137 West 71st Street, New York City. This source also advised that James Baldwin recently left for and is traveling in Turkey, and is in the process of writing a book in that country.

On February 18, 1964, a source advised that it was stated at a meeting of the Chicago Branch of the Social Workers Party held on February 16, 1964, that James Baldwin was a sponsor of the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants as of February, 1964.

A characterization of the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants is attached hereto in the Appendix.

The following is a description of James Arthur Baldwin:

Name:	James Arthur Baldwin
Race:	Negro
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	August 2, 1924
Place of Birth:	New York, New York

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Re: James Arthur Baldwin

Age:	42
Height:	5'6"
Weight:	190 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Complexion:	Dark
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	Writer, Journalist
Residence:	137 West 71st Street, New York City
Mother:	Doris Baldwin

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APPENDIX

1
COMMITTEE TO AID THE
MONROE DEFENDANTS

A source advised on October 10, 1961, that the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants (CAMD) was formed during September, 1961, by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York City.

Source advised on May 6, 1964, that the aims of the CAMD were to afford financial support and counsel for Robert F. Williams and four other defendants who were involved in a racial incident on August 27, 1961, at Monroe, North Carolina. The SWP hoped to dramatize this incident nationally and internationally through the CAMD and thus attract individuals to the SWP aims and principles by playing a leading role in the integration struggle. The CAMD was also active in promoting the philosophy of utilizing counter-violence to achieve integration as espoused by Williams.

According to the source, the organization and impetus of CAMD activities throughout the various parts of the United States, such as obtaining sponsors and the raising of funds, were the results of the efforts of various SWP branches.

The March 23, 1964 issue of "The Militant", a weekly SWP newspaper, stated the CAMD suspended activities. This article related that this action was taken following the rejection of this committee by the defendants just prior to the trial held February 18-23, 1964, at Monroe, North Carolina, which resulted in the conviction of all of the defendants, except Robert F. Williams.

Robert F. Williams has fled the United States and is reportedly residing in Cuba.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 12450.

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JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN
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The source employed is [REDACTED] b7c-6
[REDACTED] New York City.

The source used to characterize the subject is [REDACTED]

The source used to characterize the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants is [REDACTED] (reliable). b2-1

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BALDWIN,	JAMES	ARTHUR
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
Address		
137 West 71st Street		New York
(Number and street)		(City)
Date of birth (include month, day, year)		Identifying Number
February 2, 1924	United States	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport
Requesting office	Type of request	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien Registration
New York	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F1 <input type="checkbox"/> F2 <input type="checkbox"/> F3	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
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JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN
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☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name _____

Aliases _____

☐ Native Born☐ Naturalized☐ Alien☐ Communist ☐ Socialist Workers Party☒ Miscellaneous (specify) _____

OUT OF THE COUNTRY

☐ Tab for Detcom

Date of birth _____

Place of birth _____

Race _____

Sex

☐ Male☐ Female

Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)

Self-employed Writer, *from residence*

Key Facility Data _____

Geographical Reference Number _____

Interested Agencies _____

Residence Address

Permanent
137 West 71st Street, New York, New York~~(Previously in TURKEY)~~

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